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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re of the Application of

Frank Diehl

Serial Number: 10/082,395

Filed: February 25, 2002

For: PROCESS FOR BINDING
NUCLEIC ACIDS TO CARRIER

Group Art Unit: 1634

Examiner: Betty J. Forman

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED MARCH 14, 2003

Hon. Commissioner of Patents
P.O. BOX 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450
Dear Sir:

Responsive to the office action dated March 14, 2003, with the period for response extended two months (a check in the amount of \$205.00 is enclosed - for a two month extension of time) reconsideration of the present application in view of the following amendments and remarks is respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

The Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.